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In January 1953 the North Korean Ministry of Heavy Industry controlled three scrap metal collection centers at P'yongyang, Hungnam, and Ch'ongjin. A central office with 18 employees was at YD-443225 in P'yongyang, but no metal was stored there. The scrap collection program was started in February 1952, stopped in March 1952,¹ and recommenced in August 1952. The Ministry planned to collect 30,000 tons by the end of 1952. During February and March 1952, 293 tons were collected and 210 tons of this were transported out of North Korea. Collection teams were conscripted from factories, mines, schools, and government organizations. The metal collected in the P'yongyang area was transported to Sinuiju and the metal collected at Ch'ongjin and Hamhung² was transported to Namyang (N 42-57, E 129-51) (EC-6955). In late September 1952 several freight cars loaded with scrap metal were seen in the Tumen (N 42-56, E 129-50) Railroad Station. These cars came from Namyang.

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